

Remarks and Arguments

Claims 1-36 were presented for examination. Claims 2-6, 8, 10, 12-14, 16 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1, 7, 11, 15 and 16-36 have been canceled.

Claims 8 and 16 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim and were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Claims 8 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

Claims 9 and 17 depend from claims 8 and 16 are now allowable.

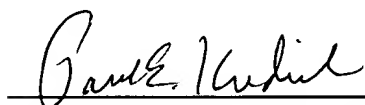
Claims 2-6 and 10 have been amended to make them depend from claim 8 and, accordingly are also now allowable.

Claims 12-14 and 18 have been amended to make them depend from claim 16 and, accordingly, are also now allowable.

The remaining claims have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is now moot.

In light of the forgoing amendments and remarks, this application is now believed in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions regarding this amendment, he is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or direct any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, 1.16 to Deposit Account number 02-3038.

Respectfully submitted



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